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METHOD OF PRODUCING WATER-SOLUBLE GLASS FIBRES



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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF TIMELY SUBMITTED
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a request for reconsideration of an information disclosure statement submitted in connection with the above-referenced pending United States patent application.

Applicant submitted an information disclosure statement dated 21 June 2000 for this patent application. That information disclosure statement included a form PTO-1449. Two of the references submitted were abstracts of Japanese patent publications which had come to the attention of applicant as a result of the international search for the International Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application on which the instant application is based.

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The relevance of the two Japanese patent publications was discussed in the information disclosure statement.

Counsel for the applicant noted that no English translation of the full text of either of the Japanese publications was readily available and it is the understanding of applicant's counsel that the full text of the Japanese publications was not furnished to applicant in connection with the international search report.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the information disclosure statement and consideration on the merits of the two Japanese patent abstracts submitted therewith.

While application readily acknowledges that the 37 CFR 1.98 requires that a legible copy of each foreign patent be supplied with the information disclosure statement and that a legible copy of "each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed" be supplied with the information disclosure statement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Japanese patent publications submitted with the information disclosure statement qualify as "publications" under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii) and that submission of the photocopy of the English language translation of the abstract satisfies the requirement for submission of "that portion which caused it to be listed" under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

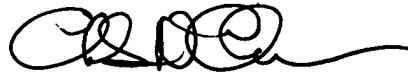
Accordingly, reconsideration of the information disclosure statement and specific consideration of the two Japanese patent publication abstracts submitted therewith is respectfully solicited.

Please note that this is not intended as a substantive response to the official action of 29 May 2001. A substantive response to that official action will be submitted in due course.

Applicant's counsel believes that no fee is required in connection with this submission; to the extent a fee is required, please charge the same to our deposit account number 50-1089.



Respectfully submitted,


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